

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 18-32 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 24 and 26-32 stand allowed.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b).

Claims 19-23 and 25 stand objected to as depending from rejected claim 18 but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Reconsideration is requested. Claims 19, 20 and 21 are rewritten in independent form, including the subject matter of base claim 18. Claim 18 is cancelled.

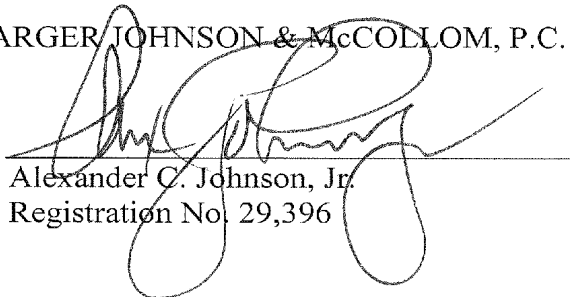
In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 19-23 and 25 are now allowable. This case is now in condition for allowance. If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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